

November 2021



THE MONTHLY BOBCAT

Langston Hughes Elementary School



PRINCIPAL'S UPDATE

BY PRINCIPAL JACKIE MICKEL

Langston Family Fall Survey

Each year in the fall we ask families to take a few minutes to complete our Family Survey. Our staff and Site Council use this information to review school practices to ensure we are providing the best possible educational experience for our students and families. This electronic survey will remain open for the next two weeks. Please make sure your voice is heard and complete our survey.

[Survey Link](#)

Dismissal

When the weather is cold and wet more students are picked up in cars during dismissal. The car line will never start moving before 3:50 pm so vehicles arriving much earlier will simply sit in line. When the line gets too long, it blocks the roundabout. Cars are strongly encouraged to wait until 3:45 pm to arrive so we can keep the roads and roundabouts clear.

CONTENTS

Information from the Office & the Library - 2

Counselor's Corner - 3

Clothing for the Clinic - 4

Specials - 5

PTO Updates - 6

5th Grade Fundraising - 7

Clinic, Attendance, & Arrival/Dismissal - 8

Lunch and Breakfast - 9

LANGSTON HUGHES FAMILY SURVEY

Please take a moment to complete the [Langston Hughes Family Survey](#) and share your thoughts and opinions with us!

MASKS AND WATER BOTTLES

Make sure you are sending your child to school every day wearing a mask. Please include extra masks and a water bottle in student backpacks each day.



NOVEMBER UPDATE

IMPORTANT DATES

November

6th	5th Grade KU Concession Stand Fundraiser
8th-12th	Food Drive
9th	PTO/Site Council
16th	3rd Grade Music Program 4th Grade Music Program Orange Leaf 5th Grade Fundraiser
20th	5th Grade Pancake Fundraiser
24th	No School
25th	No School
26th	No School



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

By: Christie Wartman

In November, we will focus on identifying feelings and how we regulate different emotions. We will also talk about the importance of friendship and how having compassion is an important piece to being a good friend.

We will focus on the concept of compassion as a school community by participating in a school-wide food drive. **The food drive will go from Monday, November 8th - Friday, November 12th.** The food will be donated to "Just Food". Their most needed items are: cereal, peanut butter, healthy canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain pastas, granola bars, tomato products, and diapers (sizes NB-6). There will be prizes for the top 3 classes who donate the most food!

In November, we will also celebrate World Kindness Day. World Kindness Day is Saturday November 13th. On November 12th, wear any shirt that spreads the message of kindness!



FOOD DRIVE

be a part of the solution to end hunger in our community!

just food

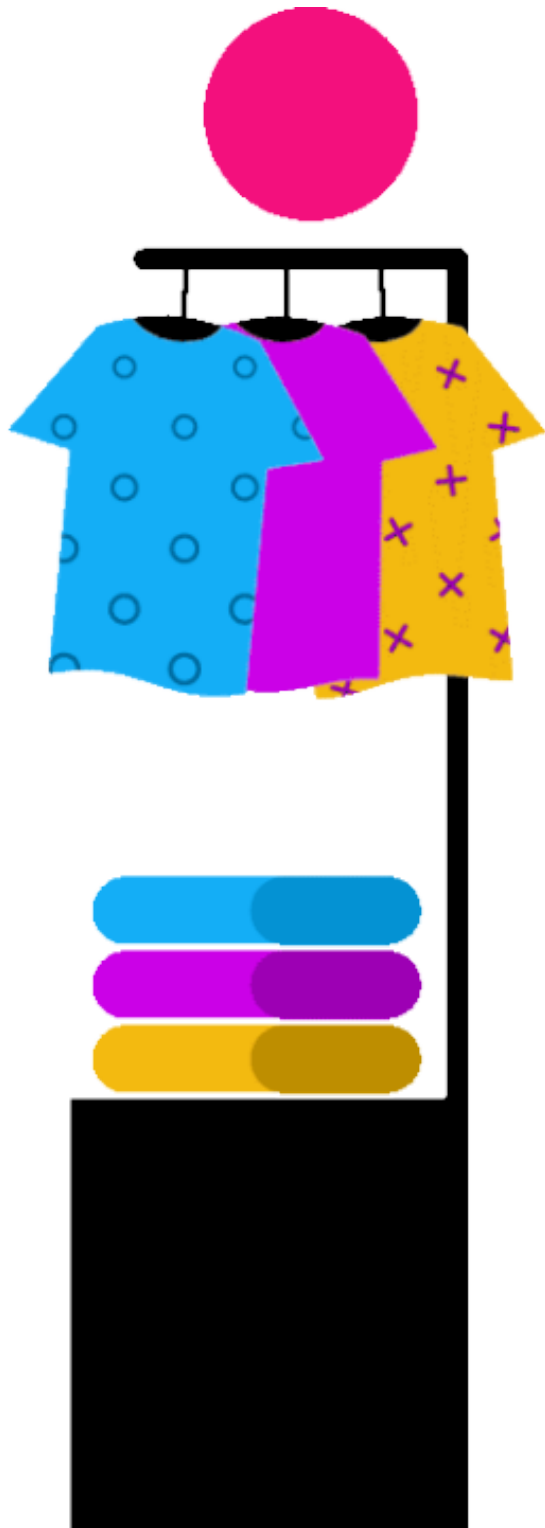
www.justfoodKS.org

MOST NEEDED ITEMS:

- cereal, peanut butter, healthy canned fruits and vegetables, whole grain pastas, granola bars, tomato products, diapers, period products, sexual wellness products, general hygiene/dental products



venmo @justfoodks



IN NEED OF CLOTHING FOR THE CLINIC

Do you have some clothes you would like to donate? Sometimes we have students who need a change of clothing, and they do not have a set from home in their backpack. Here are the details:

- * Comfortable T-shirts or shirts (long or short sleeved)
- * Shorts or pants or sweatpants with elastic waist bands

Nothing with buttons, zippers, or tight fitting!

You can bring them to the office or send them with your student. Thank you for your support!

MUSIC PROGRAM SCHEDULE

Music Program Dates 2021-2022

Tuesday, November 16 - 3rd

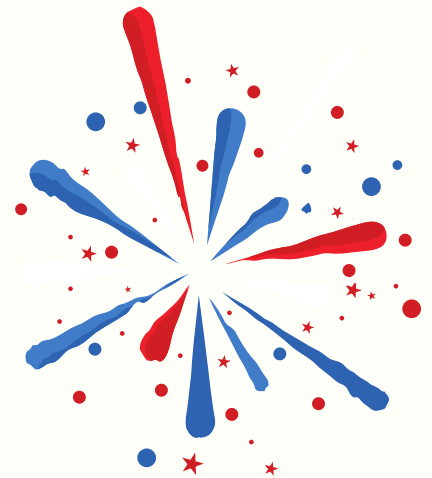
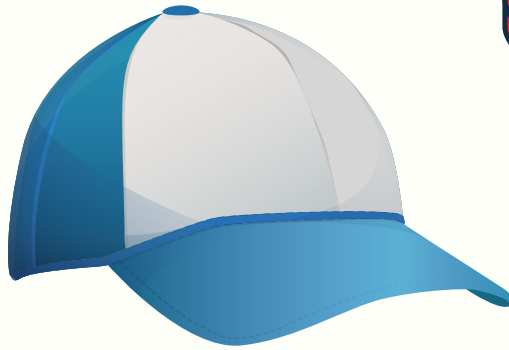
11:15am
4th
12:30pm

Tuesday, March 1 - Kindergarten

Tuesday, April 12 - 1st
2nd

Friday, May 20 - 3rd, 4th, & 5th Grade Talent Show
1:00pm

**Performance location and times may be subject to change due to Douglas County Health Department COVID protocols.



MUSIC PROGRAM INFORMATION

The **3rd grade music program "Hats!"** will be presented at **11:15 a.m. on Tuesday, November 16** on the school playground. Inclement weather makeup date is Friday, November 19 at the same time. We are having the program during the day as we need to have them outside due to covid protocols. If the weather does not cooperate we will do a video performance that will be sent out to parents. We will also provide a video for those parents that are unable to attend during the day. The 3rd graders may wear dress clothes and will need a hat to wear for the rehearsals and performance. Some students will have a special part and need to wear a specific hat. That information will be coming out with speaking parts. They will be wearing masks when they sing. If you have any questions please feel free to email at srobinso@usd497.org.

The **4th grade music program "Celebrate the USA"** will be presented at **12:30 p.m. on Tuesday, November 16** on the school playground. Inclement weather makeup date is Friday, November 19 at the same time. We are having the program during the day as we need to have them outside due to covid protocols. If the weather does not cooperate we will do a video performance that will be sent out to parents. We will also provide a video for those parents that are unable to attend during the day. The 4th graders may wear red, white, blue or something patriotic for the performance. They will be wearing masks when they sing. If you have any questions please feel free to email at srobinso@usd497.org.

PTO UPDATES

Thank you to our Langston community for a wonderful Trunk-or-Treat on Friday, and a special thanks for our sponsor, Up and Away, and everybody who provided a trunk! We look forward to providing more family fun!

Direct Giving Campaign Extended

Due to the extended break from school, we are extending this year's direct giving campaign. Please consider making a gift to support our students and teachers. Funds raised will be used to our regular teaching funds program as well as toward new outdoor resources for our students (i.e. new playground equipment, walking trail, or blacktop). To donate, send a check, payable to Langston Hughes PTO, or cash to the front office OR visit <https://app.99pledges.com/fund/langstonhughes2021> to donate online. Thank you for making our work possible!

Volunteers

We still need volunteers to help with everything from Teacher Appreciation to this spring's Jog-a-thon. Please consider giving your time to help our school. Even if you only have a little bit of time, we have an opportunity for you! Visit <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0f49afa62ea1fbc16-langston> to sign up.

Stay in Touch

Do you want to stay in touch? Do you like to know what is going on? Like our Facebook page or check in regularly. www.facebook.com/LangstonHughesElementaryPTO

Questions or comments? Email us at langstonhughespto@gmail.com or reach out to one of our PTO board members:

Anne Koprince, President
Caitlin Gough, Co-Vice President
Becca Koester, Co-Vice President
Casey Wallace, Secretary
Kristin Schneller, Co-Treasurer
Cathy Voss, Co-Treasurer



5TH GRADE FUNDRAISING EVENTS

KU Concessions Fundraiser: Saturday, Nov. 6th

We still have room for a few more 5th grade parents/guardians to volunteer to work at the LHE 5th grade concession stand at the KU vs. KSU football game this Saturday. Game time is 11AM, and the volunteer shift runs from 8am-2/3pm inside KU's Memorial Stadium. Please sign up here if you are able to volunteer:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0544a8ad2e5-lh5thgradeku>

Orange Leaf Fundraiser: All Day Tuesday, Nov. 16th

Celebrate the 3rd and 4th graders' music programs and help support the 5th graders special end-of-year activities by enjoying a special treat at Orange Leaf. Orange Leaf generously donates a portion of their sales for the day as a 5th grade fundraiser. Please be sure to mention that you are supporting Langston Hughes Elementary as you pay!

Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast: Saturday, Nov. 20th (Opens at 8:30 am)

Contact your favorite 5th graders to buy tickets to the All-You-Can-Eat Chris Cakes Pancake Breakfast! 5th graders will receive tickets to sell beginning the week of Nov. 8th. Walk-in breakfast eaters are also welcome. Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, and beverages along with smiles and great service from our 5th grade helpers. 5th grade families should look for a SignUpGenius coming soon to volunteer at the breakfast!

Pendleton's Country Market Poinsettia Fundraiser: Flowers will be ready for pick-up Tues., Nov. 30th

Thank you to everyone who sold and bought poinsettias from our fundraiser! We had a VERY successful sale, and we look forward to having the flowers ready for pick up at Langston Hughes on Tuesday, November 30th (time still TBD).

5th Grade Facebook Group: "Langston Hughes 5th Grade Families":

Please consider joining our 5th grade Facebook Group for updates on meetings, volunteer opportunities, and details about upcoming 5th grade recognition activities.



BACKPACK NECESSITIES

Change of Clothes

We ask that every child, K-5, have a **change of clothes** in their backpack for emergencies, including lunch spills and playground accidents.

Lip Balm

With the beginning of fall, please send some form of lip balm for your student for chapped lips.

ATTENDANCE

Students are considered tardy if they enter the building at or after 8:55am. At this point, parents will need to **come into the building** to sign their students in at the main office.

if your student is absent for any reason, please let the office know as soon as possible, as well as their teacher.

Students will be considered unexcused if they are absent and we have not heard from a parent or guardian by 9:30am.

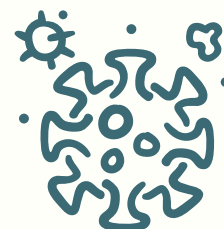
Please feel free to contact the office with all attendance matters through our attendance email:

langston.hughes.attendance@usd497.org.

COVID-19 UPDATE

Many of you are aware of the USD 497 Updated COVID-19 Prevention Measures, detailed [here](#).

If you have further questions, please feel free to reach out to our health office at (785) 330-2488.



ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL

M, T, Th, F

Arrival

- Students A-L: Arrive between 8:30-8:40am
- Students M-Z: Arrive between 8:40-8:50am

Dismissal

- Walkers & Bus Riders 3:45pm
- Car Riders
 - Students A-L: Arrive at 3:50pm (**please do not arrive early**)
 - Students M-Z: Arrive at 3:57pm

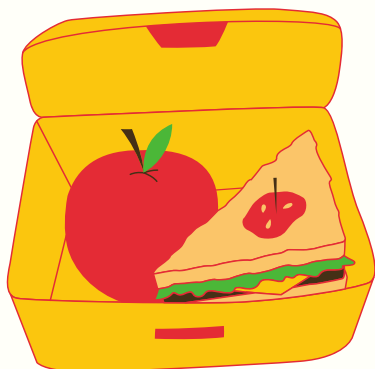
W

Arrival

- Students A-L: Arrive between 8:30-8:40am
- Students M-Z: Arrive between 8:40-8:50am

Dismissal

- Walkers & Bus Riders 2:15pm
- Car Riders
 - Students A-L: Arrive 2:20pm (please do not arrive early)
 - Students M-Z: Arrive at 2:25pm



BREAKFAST AND LUNCH

[Breakfast Menu](#) - [Lunch Menu](#)

There is no application for free and reduced lunches during the 2021-2022 school year. All students can receive a free breakfast and lunch each school day.

LUNCH SCHEDULE

MTWTF

Grade	Lunch
kdg	10:55-11:20
1st	11:30-11:55
2nd	12:00-12:25
3rd	12:25-12:50
4th	12:20-12:45
5th	12:55-1:20

WED.

Grade	Lunch
kdg	10:55-11:20
1st	11:30-11:55
2nd	12:00-12:25
3rd	12:30-12:55
4th	12:20-12:45
5th	12:50-1:15